

## J. H. JOHNSON DEAD

Prominent in Business and Public Life of the City.

## COMMERCIAL INTERESTS BIG

Established Mutual and Hygienic Ice Companies—Was Vice President for a Time of the Lincoln National Bank and Was Extensively Interested in Coal and Lumber Business.

J. Harrison Johnson, a prominent Washington business man, died yesterday at his late residence, 709 C street southwest, after a protracted and lingering illness. Seven years ago last August, while serving as chairman of the excise board, he was taken ill at his office in the District Building, and was removed to his home. He suffered a stroke of paralysis, and has been an invalid, confined to his home, ever since. Although his death was in a measure caused by this stroke seven and one-half years ago, the immediate cause was arterial sclerosis. Before his demise Mr. Johnson was in a state of coma for two days. He is the third brother to die as a result of paralysis.

Mr. Johnson comes of the widely known Johnson family interested in the coal and wood business in and around Washington. The family is a large one, and he is survived by five brothers, two sisters, his wife, M. Isabella Johnson, two daughters, Grace M. and Eleanor R. and four boys, Oscar L., engaged in the lumber business at Rockville, Md.; R. Harrison, real estate and president of the South Washington Protective Association; Dr. Louis A. Johnson, and Frank A. Johnson, real estate, in this city. His brothers and sisters are A. Geary, Eldridge S., of Baltimore; Milton W., Cornelius, and Oliver P., an invalid, as the result of paralysis, and Mrs. A. B. Casselman and Mrs. H. B. Simpson.

## Requiem Mass Monday.

Requiem mass over the remains will be held in St. Dominic's Catholic Church at 10 o'clock Monday morning. Rev. Father Hinch, pastor, will officiate. Interment will be made in Rock Creek Cemetery. Other details of the funeral have not as yet been arranged, but it is probable that the pallbearers will be his brothers or nephews.

Mr. Harrison Johnson was born at Lakeville, Dorchester County, Md., in 1838. He spent his early life on his father's farm, but at the age of eighteen he took to the sea. Three years later, when but twenty-one years old, he was captain of a Potomac River sailing vessel. At the age of twenty-three he came to Washington and settled here, going into business as a grocer and ship chandler. His business grew, and he gradually widened his scope, branching out into many other lines of business. He became vice president of the Great Falls Ice Company, but resigned that position to establish the Mutual Ice Company. He was one of the founders of the Ice Company, and served as its president for many years. He also served as vice president of the Lincoln National Bank, and while acting in this capacity suffered a spell of sickness that compelled him to relinquish, for a time, his active business career.

## Served on Excise Board.

Mr. Johnson was one of the first appointees when the board of appraisers of the District of Columbia was created, and was chairman of the excise board for a number of years. He also engaged extensively in real estate investments and was one of the largest property holders in South Washington, to which section he mainly confined himself. He has lived there all the time of his residence in Washington, the present colonial-style home of the family on C street having been built by him twenty-eight years ago.

## BOLIVIAN MINISTER LECTURES.

## Pays High Tribute to President Roosevelt and Secretary Root.

"Bolivia—A Country Without Debt," was the subject of a lecture by Senor Calderon, the Bolivian Minister, before the National Geographic Society at National Rifle's Armory last night. Senor Calderon reviewed the recent visit of Secretary Root to South America.

"The reception of Mr. Root in South America," he said, "besides being a personal tribute offered to his merits, was the sincerest expression of will with which the nations accepted the proffer of friendship sent by the people of North America. In his last message to Congress Senor Roosevelt confirmed the friendly declaration of the Secretary of State, thus giving them governmental sanction and dispelling the mistrust created under the wrong impression, that the United States had designs of establishing its supremacy and dominion over all the continent. The words of President Roosevelt reveal the high spirit of justice that guides his policy, and that it means the application of the square deal to international relations."

## Will Open Branch Bank Monday.

The International Banking Corporation announces the opening of a branch of its bank at 124 Connecticut avenue, to be started next Monday. The branch will be in charge of Murray A. Cobb, who has been engaged in the real estate business in the same square. He will have the assistance of Graham Hume, formerly connected with the Traders' National Bank, and Robert D. Hagner. It is stated that the branch bank will be started as an special accommodation to members of the diplomatic corps.

## After Harvester Trust.

Under the terms of a Senate resolution, the Secretary of Commerce and Labor announced yesterday that the Bureau of Corporations had begun an investigation of the International Harvester Company, commonly known as the harvester trust. The inquiry, it was announced, will be made with great thoroughness.

## HENRY E. KLOTZ PASSES AWAY.

Proprietor of Restaurant Popular Among Army and Navy Officers.

Henry E. Klotz, proprietor of a restaurant at 106-8 G street northwest, which for many years has been known to army and navy men, died suddenly last night of heart failure. Mr. Klotz had been ill for about a week, but announced yesterday that he was feeling better, and it was thought he would be able to leave his bed today. He was taken suddenly worse last night, however, and died about 8:45 o'clock.

Mr. Klotz was fifty years old. He is survived by his second wife, who was a Mrs. Elizabeth Annen, a daughter, Mrs. Louise Robinson, and two sons, Harry and Arthur Klotz.

Both Mr. Klotz and his father, Charles E. Klotz, who died in 1893, had a wide acquaintance among army and navy officers, their restaurant being a famous dining place. The Army and Navy Club made its headquarters at the restaurant before its removal to the present building, and ever since then it has been a favorite gathering place for officials from the State, War and Navy Building, as well as the newspaper correspondents.

Mr. Klotz was an enthusiastic lover of horses, and was a member of the Washington Jockey Club. He was the originator, it is said, of the system of classifying horses by past performances, the amount of weight carried, &c.—in other words, "form sheets" as they are called. Although not an owner of thoroughbreds, Mr. Klotz took an active interest in the racing game, and his opinion in regard to the class of various horses was frequently sought.

## COL. J. P. MINETREE EXPIRES

Southern Railway Official's Illness Proves Fatal.

Had Been a Resident of Washington Twenty Years—Entered Service of Road at Close of Civil War.

Col. Joseph P. Minetree, purchasing agent and one of the oldest employees of the Southern Railway, died at his residence, 1723 P street, yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The wife and all of the children were at his bedside as he died. Col. Minetree had been ill for some days, but a few days ago his fears were felt as to his ultimate recovery. A turn for the worse came on Wednesday and from that time on the gravest doubt was felt.

Col. Minetree leaves a widow, who was formerly Miss Betty Epps, of Petersburg, and nine children, Mrs. C. F. Pitts, of Chicago; Mrs. G. H. Evans, of Alexandria; Mrs. H. Hollifield, Misses Elizabeth and Clara Minetree, Messrs. James L., Joseph P., Jr., and John B. Minetree. Col. Minetree has been a resident of Washington for nearly twenty years, during which time he has made a great number of friends in every walk of life. His connection with the Southern Railway began just after the close of the civil war, when he entered the office of the old Norfolk and Western as purchasing agent. Later he assumed the same position with the Southern Railway, and has since that time been eminently satisfactory results. His death is regarded as a blow to the road second only to that of the death of the late President Spencer.

Col. Minetree was born in Petersburg sixty-six years ago. He graduated at the Virginia Military Institute just before the war. At the commencement of hostilities he joined Mahone's Brigade as a lieutenant. He was wounded several times during the first campaign, and was soon made colonel and placed in command of a battalion, which did fine service under Jackson and Lee. At Gettysburg and Fair Oaks he particularly distinguished himself, and his service before Petersburg and Richmond was commended highly by President Davis.

Col. Minetree has had many opportunities to leave the Southern, as any number of his friends who have since been made him, but his loyalty to it was at all times evidenced and made him all the more valuable. The funeral arrangements have not been made, but it is expected that the United Confederate Veterans will take a prominent part in the services.

## W. A. Mann Passes Away.

William A. Mann, a veteran of the civil war, died at his home Tuesday evening, aged sixty-two years. He was a native of New York State, and served in the Seventh New York Heavy Artillery, which was employed on the defenses of Washington until May, 1864, and afterward in the Army of the Potomac.

## Try to Collect Gaynor Bond.

The efforts of the government to collect \$40,000 from William B. Kirk, of Syracuse, N. Y., as bondsman for John F. Gaynor, while the latter was under indictment for conspiracy to defraud the United States in connection with harbor improvements at Savannah in 1895, which was forfeited by Gaynor's flight to Canada, came before the Supreme Court yesterday when arguments were heard on the government's appeal from a decision in favor of Kirk. The case was taken under consideration by the court.

## Senator Du Pont Not in Trust.

Senator Du Pont, of Delaware, called at the White House yesterday to assure the President that he was in no way connected with the Du Pont International Smokeless Powder Company, the "powder trust" against which the independent manufacturers' association had a complaint with the Executive. "I retired from all connection with the company a long time ago," said the Senator, "and do not own a cent's worth of stock in it now."

## More Pay for Morgue-master.

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## Two Killed by Illuminating Gas.

Jersey City, N. J., Jan. 25.—Fred Neicke, seventeen years old, and his brother William, twelve years old, sons of Fred Neicke, of 118 Astor place, were found dead in bed this morning, apparently killed by illuminating gas which escaped from a radiator.

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## ALGER RITES TO-DAY

Funeral of Late Senator to Be Held at Two o'clock.

## G. A. R. MEMBERS TO ATTEND

President Excuses All Veterans in Government Service So They May Be Present—Senators Will Go in a Body—Son Arrives After Many Delays—Burial at Detroit.

The remains of the late Senator Russell A. Alger will be taken to Detroit to-day after the funeral services which are to be held at the Alger residence at 2 o'clock. The Rev. Wallace Radcliffe, pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, and Dr. Edward Everett Hale, chaplain of the Senate, will conduct the services. The President yesterday gave orders that all government employees who are members of the Grand Army of the Republic, of which organization Gen. Alger was once commander-in-chief, be excused from duty to-day to enable them to attend the funeral. The members of the Grand Army will assemble on Pennsylvania avenue at 1 o'clock under orders issued by the commander of the Department of the Potomac. The line will march to the residence.

The Senate, which adjourned yesterday until Monday out of respect to the deceased, will attend the services in a body. There were many members of the Senate who were unable to attend the funeral yesterday, and telegrams expressing sympathy came from all quarters of the world. Members of Family Here. All the members of the late Senator's family have arrived in Washington. Russell Alger, Jr., arrived late last night from Jacksonville after a delay of more than four hours on the road. The young man visited his parents only a few weeks ago, and went to spend the remainder of the winter in Florida, where difficulty was experienced in locating him. Mrs. Bailey, of Harrisburg, the oldest daughter, was the first to arrive. She came to Washington late Thursday night, while Mrs. Sheldon, of Detroit, and Mrs. Pike, of Chicago, arrived yesterday morning. Capt. Alger, the other son, with his wife and children, was present at the bedside. After the services at the residence to-day a military escort will lead the cortege to the Sixth street station, where the remains will be placed on board a special train for Detroit, where they will be buried. The military escort will consist of a band and one squadron of cavalry from Fort Myer, under command of Col. Heffield.

## Post Flags at Half Mast.

By order of Secretary Taft, who formerly notified the army yesterday of Gen. Alger's death, all military posts will place their flags at half mast on the days of the funeral. The remains will arrive in Detroit about 10 o'clock Sunday, where they will be met by the members of the Grand Army and a squadron of cavalry from Fort Wayne, which will act as an escort to the city hall. There the body will rest until evening, when it will be removed to the Detroit residence. The final services will take place on Monday at 2 o'clock, and will be private.

## REPORTS ON COLUMBUS RIOT.

Col. Glenn Says No Attempt Was Made to "Shoot Up the Town." Maj. Gen. F. I. Ainsworth, Military Secretary of the Army, yesterday received a report from Lieut. Col. Glenn, commandant of the recruiting depot of Columbus Barracks, Columbus, Ohio, concerning the escape of nearly 200 recruits last Monday night.

The colonel discounts the amount of damage done, as previously reported, and says that after careful investigation it was found that the men used only rocks in their celebrating, and made no attempts to "shoot up the town." The damage was confined to the destruction of Columbus Barracks, Columbus, Ohio, which consisted chiefly of breaking windows of saloons and other buildings. The damage will amount to not more than \$5, he states.

## To File Commodore Brown's Will.

Mrs. Mary V. Cissel, daughter of Commodore Perry Brown, who lost his life in the Terra Cotta wreck, yesterday filed a petition in the Probate Court to have the will of her father admitted to probate. It is stated that the estate of Commodore Brown consists of a house and lot at Washington Grove, Md., valued at \$2,000, and cash amounting to \$800. Mrs. Cissel further declares that the estate will file a claim against the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company for the death of her father. Three children are named as the heirs at law of Mr. Brown. They are Perry Brown, of New York, N. Y.; William Brown, of this city, and that of Charles J. Murphy represents Mrs. Cissel.

## Sues for \$20,000 Damages.

John H. Tatspaugh entered suit against the Continental Felt Filtration Company yesterday to recover \$20,000 damages, alleging that his health as well as his property has suffered through certain operations of the firm, against which he began suit, and who are the contractors for the union station tunnel. Tatspaugh says that a plant of the company, located near the city, and that, through the use of noxious smoke, noise, dust, and obnoxious odors, thereby injuring his health and the health of his family. Mr. Tatspaugh, through his attorneys, Douglas & Douglas, alleges that the property has also been injured and its rental value depreciated.

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Senator Expected to Testify in \$500,000 Suit Against Him Monday.

Senator Elkins, it is expected, will testify on Monday in the suit now being tried before Justice Wright of Robert Burton and George A. Dubuque, of Baltimore, against him for \$500,000 for alleged services in connection with the purchase of the Western Maryland Railroad Company.

A supplemental hearing in the case was held at the New Willard on Thursday night, when the deposition of E. L. Fuller, president of the Fuller syndicate, which purchased the Baltimore City interest in the Western Maryland Railroad, was taken by agreement of counsel in order to allow Mr. Fuller to sail for Egypt to-day, where his wife is ill.

## PAYMASTER LUKESH QUILTS.

Resigns from Navy Because of the Charges Against Him.

George M. Lukesh, paymaster in the United States Navy, who lately acquired unpleasant notoriety, tendered his resignation by telegraph, of the 24th instant, and it has been accepted by the Navy Department, to take effect January 31, 1907. Paymaster Lukesh recently answered charges preferred against him by the Navy Department for conduct unbecoming an officer while stationed in Eastern waters.

## READY TO BOOM BUSINESS

Subcommittee of Board of Trade Holds Special Meeting.

Formulates Report, Providing Plan to Raise Salary of Secretary, to Be Presented Monday.

At a special meeting of the subcommittee of the committee on commerce and manufacture yesterday afternoon, the report which will be presented to the Board of Trade on Monday night was agreed upon. While the meeting was an executive session, it is understood that the report was adopted without much amendment, and that it includes a plan for raising money for the purpose of the services of a commercial secretary, which it is thought will be acceptable to the Board of Trade.

It will be remembered that at the last meeting of the Board of Trade the report submitted by this committee was referred back, with instructions to draft a plan for raising the funds to make the payment of the commercial secretary possible, and a few other matters pertaining to the office and work of such a secretary. The plan proposed for this purpose, as has been made public, but the fact is known that the necessary money for the office is guaranteed under the plan, and the committee is said to be hopeful that the plan proposed by the Board of Trade will be accepted by the Board of Trade.

A prominent business man, affiliated with one of the committees on commerce and manufacture, yesterday pointed out the need of concerted action in regard to commercial matters. He cited by way of illustration the question of preserving the merchants the delivery of freight free of charge by the railroad companies, which has been called in question by the merchants of Philadelphia before the Interstate Commerce Commission. The informant said the matter had been taken up by a special committee of the Business Men's Association, and that the assistant secretary of the Jobbers and Shippers' Association had been instructed to take up the subject with the members of the Interstate Commerce Commission. As yet, the informant said, the Board of Trade had taken no action, even though a committee on commerce and manufacture.

Here, the informant thought, was a matter of vital interest to the business community which was being handled in a way not to make the strongest impression on the Interstate Commerce Commission, because the trade interests of the city were not fully represented. He said he did not for a moment wish to detract from the ability or energy of the gentlemen who were in charge of the matter, but the plea would not have the same effect as if presented by a body representing the trade interests as a unit. The informant hoped that the time would come when Washington business men would be able to present a united front to the Interstate Commerce Commission, and that the trade interests of the city were not fully represented.

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"Bowse at the Nappy" in Celebrating Anniversary.

## SONGS, TOASTS, AND POEMS

Menu Begins with "Callin' Au, fra' Long Island," and Ends with "A Muckle Kebbuck o' Ayryshire Cheese"—Poet Enalozed by Congressmen Kennedy and Campbell.

## Oh! spirit of the deadless dead,

From that immortal clasp  
Look down and know your words have taught  
That man is still a man.

Half a hundred gaid Scots, members of the Caledonian Club of Washington, and their guests sat "bowing at the nappy" at the Hotel Reuter until the wee sma' hours this morning, commemorating with songs, toasts, and speeches the 181st anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns, bonnie Scotland's immortal bard.

Good cheer, good songs, good speeches, and good fellowship dominated the occasion. The cheer was that of the Highlands, the songs, mostly those of Burns; the speeches, eulogies of the peasant poet and his land, and the good fellowship, American. As the hours waxed and waned the songs followed one another in quick succession. "Scots Wha Hae W' Wallace Bled," "The Bells of Scotland," "Comin' Thro' the Rye," "Annie Laurie," "A Hundred Pipers an' A," and "Banks o' Loch Lomond" were among those that rang from the throats of the banqueters during the evening.

## Congressmen Are Heard.

The principal speakers of the evening were Congressman John Lauderback, Kennedy, of Omaha, Neb.; Congressman Phillip P. Campbell, of Kansas, and T. V. Powderly, former United States Immigration Commissioner. Dr. Thomas Miller, officiated as toastmaster and between each course of the repast, from oysters or "Callin' Au, fra' Long Island, on ha' shell," as they were denoted on the menu card, to "A Muckle Kebbuck o' Ayryshire Cheese" and "Anither wee Donal' o' Glenlivet to keep a' doon," there was either a song, recitation, or speech to entertain the feasters.

Congressman Campbell was first to eulogize Burns. He paid handsome tribute to "that great soul that reached out and touched humanity's heart." Mr. Campbell referred to Burns as the first president of the "square deal society." In closing Mr. Campbell apologized for leaving early and quoted from one of Burns' poems.

## Rends Original Verses.

Mr. Powderly told of his visit to Burns' birthplace at Ayr and read original verses written in honor of the great singer, a quatrain of which appears above. Congressman Kennedy eloquently and feelingly told of his boyhood on a farm in Ayresville, where he could see from the fields he worked in the "sun-kissed top" of the monument erected in honor of the poet. Mr. Kennedy called attention to the fact that there is no man whose birthday is more widely celebrated than that of Burns. "Wherever the English language is spoken," said Mr. Kennedy, "they worship to-night the name of him in whose honor we are gathered."

The Congressman eulogized Burns for those things in his life that are least commemorated. "He was human," said Mr. Kennedy. "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone at Burns." Mr. Kennedy quoted the following bardic: "Then gently scan your brother man, / The they may gang a kenna' wrang. / To stye aside his bonny name, / 'Sentiment ought to rule the world," concluded Mr. Kennedy, "and it is fitting that once at least every year we should give sentiment full sway."

## FLETCHER GUILTY OF MURDER.

## First Degree Sentence Modified by Suggestion of Insanity.

The jury in the case of Charles D. Fletcher, colored, who was tried in Justice Stafford's court for murder in connection with the death of his wife, Della Fletcher, returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree yesterday evening, after having been out since noon. The jury, however, recommended to the court that the verdict be taken to ascertain the sanity of Fletcher before final sentence be pronounced.

## CALLS ACTORS HYPOCRITES.

## Rev. Arthur Dixon Handles Stage Folk Without Gloves.

Chicago, Jan. 25.—The stage received rough handling in a sermon by Rev. Arthur Dixon at the Moody Institute to-night. "It is the symbol of unlicensed liberty," the clergyman declared. "And every actor is a hypocrite; his profession makes him so. It is the church's purpose to make men real and establish their character. It is the stage's purpose to make them false and to degrade."

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times the firemen were driven back from their advanced position by a renewed burst of energy on the part of the flames, but on each occasion they gradually made up the ground lost, fighting every inch of the way.

## Expensive Lumber Lost.

It was an inspiring as well as a humorous sight to see them advance over and under sheds and piles of lumber, grappling with the vibrating hose, silhouetted against the flames. Practically all the lumber destroyed was of the most expensive sort, being of high grade hardwood. This brought forcefully to the minds of the lumber merchants, all of whom were on the scene, the great scarcity of lumber, particularly in this vicinity. Mr. Winnow said that he had just that afternoon been discussing the shortage with his colleagues in the business.

Upon inquiry, he stated that in his opinion the loss would not be cause for a famine. His father's firm has been hard pressed to meet an ever increasing demand and the difficulties of obtaining storage space for the large quantity handled. It has but recently made application to the District authorities for permission to encroach upon the streets in the vicinity of its yards and upon government reservations. The storage difficulty in a measure accounts for the great loss, the lumber being in piles, some of it thirty feet high.

## FIREBOAT DOES GOOD WORK.

## Prevents Flames from Spreading to Three Ships and Wharves.

That more damage was not done by the fire was due to the promptness with which the Firefighter, the fireboat that has been recently put into service, responded to the alarm.

Although the blaze was well under way when the tug arrived on the scene, five lines of 2½-inch hose were gotten out and the monitor pipe, which is stationed at the bow, was put into play. The boat was placed at the extreme east end of the row of burning buildings and confined its efforts to preventing three ships, which were anchored at the wharves, from catching fire, and to keep the flames from spreading to the adjoining buildings. The "Firefighter," which is under the command of E. J. Brown, was brought into service a year ago last July, being christened by the daughter of Commissioner West. Since that time it has never been in action in a serious fire until last night.

## FIVE ALARMS SOUNDED.

## Brought Out All Fire Apparatus and Police Reserves of City.

Five alarms were sounded, bringing out all of the fire companies of the city proper, and all of the police reserves. The three suburban companies, from Tennantstown, Brightwood, and Tacoma, were hurried to the city to cover the business section of the town in case of emergency. The water tower responded on the first alarm, but owing to the character of the fire, it was not brought into play.

All along Water street lines of hose were run over fences, through buildings, across streets, and coiled in every imaginable position, and it is estimated that fully twenty streams of water were playing on the flames at one time.

## THOUSANDS WATCH FIRE.

## Pre-empt Lumber Piles and Cars as Points for Observation.

The reflection from the fire, which could be seen all over the city, drew thousands from every part of Washington. In the immense throng well-dressed men and women could be seen rubbing elbows with the inhabitants of the river front, in an effort to secure some point of vantage from which to view the blaze.